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March 4th, 1851.

DR. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, dated Washington, July 3d, 1851, and from the Librarian of the British Museum, dated Jan. 18th, 1851, severally acknowledging the receipt of late Nos. of the proceedings of the Academy.

Also a letter from the Asiatic Society of Bengal, dated June 7th, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of Part 4, Vol. 1, new series of the Journal.

Dr. Morton offered some remarks on the Dijak and other crania deposited by him this evening.

Mr. Cassin offered the following, which were unanimously agreed to:—

Whereas, This Society has recently sustained the loss of a distinguished and valued member, Dr. John K. Townsend, late of this city,

Resolved, That the acquirements of the late Dr. Townsend, and his zeal and enterprise as a scientific traveller, entitle him, in the opinion of this Society, to a high rank as a naturalist and explorer of the natural history of this country.

Resolved, That this Society hereby acknowledges with cheerfulness and gratitude its obligations to Dr. Townsend for many interesting and important contributions to its collections, especially of the Birds and Quadrupeds of Western America, and his valuable papers relative thereto published.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the family of our deceased fellow member.

March 11th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated March 10, 1851, transmitting a resolution, which had been adopted by that Society, to request of the Academy of Natural Sciences the deposit in their Library of the copy of the Paris "Moniteur" belonging to the Academy. Referred to the Library Committee.

March 18th.

DR. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

A circular was read, dated March 14th, 1851, from the Executors of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Stott, informing the Legatees that they were now prepared to discharge the payment of the legacies as soon as they were furnished with the refunding bonds. On motion, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer, Geo. W. Carpenter, be authorized to